

Senate Bill 277: Vaccination Requirement for School Enrollment

Dear Forest Charter Families,

I am writing to inform you about changes to the way that Forest Charter School will implement Senate Bill 277 beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

On January 1, 2016 Senate Bill 277 went into effect. This law no longer allows parents or guardians of students in any school to submit a personal belief exemption (PBE) for currently required vaccines when students either enroll in a school for the first time or when students enter seventh grade (defined as the next grade span).

Since Forest Charter School is a non-classroom based school (i.e. independent study), this vaccination requirement does not directly apply to all aspects of our program. If a student is participating with Forest Charter School as a 100% independent study student (i.e. they do not participate in a block class or co-op) your student is not required to be immunized. However, if a student is participating in a block class or a co-op, they must meet the requirements of SB 277 in one of the following ways:

1. Show proof of vaccinations
2. Have a valid Personal Belief Exemption already on file with FCS dated to prior 1/1/2016
3. Have a medical exemption from a medical doctor for vaccinations

Please note that these vaccination requirements will go into effect starting with the 2019-20 school year.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Tita Fowler:
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If there is anything I can help you with, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Peter Sagebiel
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Resources:

<https://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>

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